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In re Application

Michael B. FREEMAN et al.

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APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR MANAGING CALL BILLING RECORDS For:

DIRECTOR OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS

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Washington, DC 20231

## AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Technology Center 2600

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

ſ	FEE CALCULATION		CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREV. PAID FOR	NO. OF EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
Ī	TOTAL CLAIMS		27	MINUS	27	0	\$18	\$ 0.00
Ī	INDEP. CLAIMS		4	MINUS	4	0	\$84	\$ 0.00
	Petition is hereby made under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) to extend the time for response to the Office Action of July 31, 2001 to and through October 26, 2001, for an extension of:  One month (\$110) Two months (\$400) Three months (\$920) Four months (\$1440)							
,		TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE DUE: \$ 0.00						
	Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR § 1.27.							
	$\boxtimes$	No additional fee is required.						
	Payment of \$ by Credit Card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.							
	The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account, including any filing fees under 37 CFR § 1.16 for presentation of extra claims and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17							

I hereby certify that this correspondence and all correspondence identified as accompanying this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on October 26, 2001.

\_\_\_\_, Date: 10/26/01

Respectfully submitted,

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Date: October 26, 2001

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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.111** 

**Technology Center 2600** 

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of July 31, 2001, please amend this application as follows:

## **IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claims 1, 3-4, 7, 9-15, 17-22, and 25-26 by way of replacement as follows. All pending claims are set forth below, and a marked-up version of the amended claims is enclosed in the Appendix.

1. (Twice Amended) An apparatus for managing call billing records for users of a signaling network operative to carry user calls, comprising: